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SUBJECT: Children's sleepwear flammability standards

DATE OF MEETING: March 7, 1996

PLACE: CPSC Headquarters/Room 722

LOG ENTRY SOURCE: Dennis B. Wilson

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COMMISSION ATTENDEES: Commissioner Mary Sheila Gall, Special Assistant Patsy Semple, Special Assistant (Legal) Dennis Wilson

NON-COMMISSION ATTENDEES: Harold Jetter, President, General Nite Wear, Mary Martha McNamara

SUMMARY OF MEETING: Mr. Jetter expressed concern about the effects on his business if the Commission adopted the revisions to the children's sleepwear standards proposed by the staff. He also expressed reservations about the effect on sales of flame-resistant sleepwear of the staff-proposed label in the supplement to the briefing package and suggested that any label mentioning fire hazards mention cotton garments. He brought along examples of sleepwear-like garments being sold as underwear.

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SUBJECT: MEETING WITH HAROLD JETTER, PRESIDENT OF GENERAL NITWEAR CORP. AND COMMISSIONER MOORE
DATE OF MEETING: MARCH 7, 1996
PLACE OF MEETING: CPSC HEADQUARTERS/ROOM 725
LOG ENTRY SOURCE: PAMELA L. WELLER
DATE OF ENTRY: MARCH 25, 1996
COMMISSION ATTENDEES:

COMMISSIONER THOMAS H. MOORE
PAMELA L. WELLER, COUNSELOR TO COMMISSIONER MOORE

NON-COMMISSION ATTENDEES:

HAROLD JETTER, PRESIDENT, GENERAL NITWEAR CORP.
MARY MARTHA MCNAMARA, ATTORNEY AT LAW

SUMMARY OF MEETING:

Mr. Jetter met with Commissioner Moore to express his views on the proposed changes in the infants' and children's sleepwear regulations. Mr. Jetter stated that he had been in the boy's and men's sleepwear business for 46 years. He said he never felt the infants' and children's sleepwear regulations were necessary, but he went along with them. He stated that no one had given him a definition of what "tight-fitting" would be under the latest Commission proposal. Ms. Weller pointed out that the regulation had very specific sizing requirements. Mr. Jetter stated there would be no way we could control the sizing.

Mr. Jetter also expressed concern that the new tight-fitting regulatory proposal would merely add another layer of regulation without solving the enforcement problem and that it would be impossible to ensure that children would actually be wearing cotton sleepwear that was tight-fitting.

Mr. Jetter showed the Commissioner samples of his products and of competing products sold as underwear or playwear. Mr. Jetter indicated that the number of people he employed was down to 125 people from 325 and that this was due to imports and underwear being used as sleepwear.

Mr. Jetter stated that if there was going to be a flame-resistant requirement in the regulations, then it should apply to all children's sleepwear.

Commissioner Moore indicated that changing the sleepwear regulation was a very important issue and that he had already given it a great deal of thought and would give consideration to the points Mr. Jetter had made. The meeting concluded with Commissioner Moore thanking Mr. Jetter and Ms. McNamara for their input in this proceeding.